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(b) what the representation was; and

(c) whether the Government have come to any conclusion on the said representation and if so, what it is?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) The Government have received no communication purporting to come from the All-India Spinners' Association or from any body purporting to be on the executive of that association.

Public Service

Re-entertainment of Mr. P. Meenakshisundaram Pillai in the Registration Department of the Madura district.

* 1508 Q.—Mr. L. K. TULASIRAM: With reference to the answer to question No. 1063 answered on 2nd November 1927, will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether he has received a memorial from one P. Meenakshisundaram Pillai, ex-acting clerk of the Registration department of the Madura district, praying for re-entertainment in service;

(b) whether the said clerk has put in a total and satisfactory service of more than thirty months in the department on 16th November 1926 under G.O. No. 675, Public, dated 29th July 1927; and

(c) whether there are cases where the District Registrars neglected to obtain the necessary exemption for the clerks at the time of appointing them as acting clerks?

A.—(a) No.

(b) Yes.

(c) There are said to be a few such cases. The Inspector-General of Registration is enquiring into them.

Revenue Establishments

Institution of a black-list by the Collector of Kurnool.

* 1509 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state in view of the replies given to question No. 695 answered on 19th October 1927, regarding the institution of a black-list by the Collector of Kurnool, whether in the district of Kurnool the Collector in putting into operation Board's Standing Order No. 132 is awarding black-marks in conformity with the wording of the Standing Order that black-marks should be awarded only in such cases as deserve either actual "punishment or severe censure"?

A.—The question is not understood. When a specific punishment such as reduction or suspension is inflicted or a severe censure is deemed to be deserved, an entry of the fact is made in the conduct sheet.

Appointment of matriculates as sub-magistrates.

* 1510 Q.—SYED TAJUDIN SAHIB Bahadur: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased (1) to call for a districtwar list of school-final and matriculate sub-magistrates as on 1st January 1928 and lay it on the table indicating the exact circumstances under which the Revenue Board has permitted their names to be included in the sub-magistrates' list and (2) to state—

(a) why the High Court Judges are not consulted in the preparation of eligible lists for sub-magistrates;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that an unpassed clerk named Raghava Ayyar was appointed as sub-magistrate by a previous Collector of Chingleput district and that a matriculate revenue subordinate named D. Soundararaja Ayyangar has been appointed as sub-magistrate in the Pattukkotta taluk of the Tanjore district overlooking the claims of more qualified men ;

(*c*) whether Government propose to put an end to such appointments by insisting upon the previous sanction of the High Court and Local Government for the same ?

A.—(1) The hon. Member is referred to the lists of Revenue establishments of districts corrected up to 1st April 1927, copies of which have been placed in the Legislative Council Library. The Government have no later information and do not propose to make a special compilation. There is no rule precluding the appointment as sub-magistrate of a Government official on the ground that his educational qualification when he entered service was not higher than that of the possessor of a school final or matriculation certificate.

(2) (*a*) Appointments to the office of sub-magistrates are made by Collectors from the list of persons previously approved by the Board of Revenue. High Court Judges are not consulted as they are not in a position to know anything about the work of the class of public servants from which sub-magistrates are selected.

(*b*) The appointments specified have been made; but the Government have no reason for thinking that the claims of men better qualified for the post of sub-magistrate have been overlooked.

(*c*) The Government know of no reason why they should take the action suggested.

Selection of lower revenue subordinates for upper clerical grade

*1511 *Q*.—Syed Tajudin Sahib Bahadur: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to call for and lay on the table all the Government Orders and Board's Proceedings issued for the guidance of Collectors from 1925 up to 1927 December in regard to the selection of lower revenue subordinates for upper clerical grade and deputy tahsildars in the Tamil districts, especially Tanjore Collectorate, if any, and to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the vacancies in the upper clerical grade of the Revenue and other Secretariats of the Government office and the office of the Board of Revenue are preferentially confined to qualified graduates and undergraduates ;

(*b*) why this principle was not followed strictly in many southern district mufassal collectorates, especially in the case of Brahmans and other higher non-Brahman castes not lacking in suitable qualified B.A.'s and F.A.'s ;

(*c*) whether the Government are aware of the fact that in the Tanjore establishment lists of 1925 to 1927 several matriculates were pushed up to the upper clerical grade vacancies thus prejudicing the chances of many good qualified senior non-Brahman B.A.'s and F.A.'s of more than fifteen years' good service in the lower clerical grade and whether the Government propose to have them all cancelled and redistributed to B.A.'s and F.A.'s ;